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SUBJECT: NPG; DRAFT TNF INPUTS FOR DPC AND SUMMIT

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1. WE ARE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE DRAFT INPUTS REPORT-CONFIDENTIAL

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ED IN REFTEL, WITH TWO CHANGES TO REFLECT FACT THAT HLG REPORT HAS NOT RECEIVED FORMAL GOVERNMENTAL ENDORSEMENTS. WE RECOMMEND BELOW A FEW NON-SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS FOR CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY WITH NPG AGREED MINUTE.

2. MOST IMPORTANT, REQUEST YOU SEEK CHANGE IN PARA FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT TO SUMMIT (PARA 2.39 OF REFTEL),

FOURTH SENTENCE, CHANGE TO READ, WITH REGARD TO THE LONG TERM, THE NPG HAS DISCUSSED A BROAD SET OF CONSIDERATIONS FOR THEATER NUCLEAR MODERNIZATION WHICH WILL SERVE AS A MOST USEFUL POINT OF DEPARTURE FROM WHICH TO PURSUE TNF MODERNIZATION EXAMINATION AND PLANNING. FYI OUR PURPOSE IN THIS CHANGE IS TO AVOID OUTRIGHT ENDORSEMENT OF THE HLG SUMMARY WHILE MINIMIZING CONTROVERSY BY USING LANGUAGE OF NPG AGREED MINUTE FROM APRIL NPG MEETING IN FREDERICKSHAVEN. END FYI

- 3. FOR SAME REASON, IN SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA II (BACKGROUND) OF DRAFT REPORT TO DPC, PHRASE "NPG MINISTERS AND" SHOULD BE DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING PHRASE ADDED TO THE END OF THAT SENTENCE: "WHICH WERE REVIEWED AND NOTED BY NPG MINISTERS AT THEIR MEETING IN FREDERICKSHAVEN."
- 4. OTHER USEFUL, BUT NOT ESSENTIAL MODIFICATIONS WOULD INCLUDE:

A. PARA 2.39, 2ND SENTENCE: DELETE "AND MEDIUM." REASON: MEDIUM TERM HAS NOT BEEN DEFINED OR DISCUSSED IN THE TNF PROGRAM. ITS INCLUSION IS UNNECESSARY.

B. PARA 2.39, 3RD SENTENCE: INSERT AT END OF CONFIDENTIAL

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SENTENCE "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NATO FORCE PLANNING." REASON: CONSISTENCY WITH AGREED MINUTE.

C. PARA 2.39, 4TH SENTENCE: CHANGE TO READ "....
FURTHER WORK IN THIS FIELD, CONSISTENT WITH AGREED
NATO STRATEGY...." REASON: CLARITY OF EXPRESSION.

D. PARA 3.II.3, SECOND SENTENCE: CHANGE TO READ
".... PROPOSALS MUST BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE NATO
FORCE PLANNING FRAMEWORK AS APPROPRIATE BY NATIONAL...."
REASON: AS ABOVE.

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